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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1016

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

- FOR AN ACT relating to social services; to amend section

 68-1206, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change

 provisions relating to child care subsidies; and to

 repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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1 Section 1. Section 68-1206, Reissue Revised Statutes of

- 2 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 3 68-1206 The Director of Health and Human Services shall
- 4 administer the program of social services in this state. The
- 5 Department of Health and Human Services may contract with other
- 6 social agencies for the purchase of social services at rates not
- 7 to exceed those prevailing in the state or the cost at which
- 8 the department could provide those services. The statutory maximum
- 9 payments for the separate program of aid to dependent children
- 10 shall apply only to public assistance grants and shall not apply to
- 11 payments for social services.
- 12 As part of the provision of social services authorized by 13 section 68-1202, the department shall participate in the federal 14 Child Care Subsidy program and provide child care subsidies to 15 families with incomes up to one hundred eighty-five percent of the 16 federal poverty level. In determining the rate or rates to be paid 17 by the department for child care as defined in section 43-2605, 18 the director shall adopt a fixed-rate schedule for the state or a 19 fixed-rate schedule for an area of the state applicable to each 20 child care program category of provider as defined in section 21 71-1910 which may claim reimbursement for services provided by 22 the federal Child Care Subsidy program, except that the department
- 23 shall not pay a rate higher than that charged by an individual
- 24 provider to that provider's private clients. The schedule may
- 25 provide separate rates for care for infants, for children with

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special needs, including disabilities or technological dependence,

- 2 or for other individual categories of children. The schedule shall
- 3 be effective on October 1 of every year and shall be revised by the
- 4 director annually.
- 5 Sec. 2. Original section 68-1206, Reissue Revised
- 6 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.